

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES  
JULY 2012 AS  
NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** The U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that our parks and recreation programming are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region; and
- WHEREAS:** The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide diverse programming to help build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all Clayton County citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation areas and programs are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS:** Our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County, Georgia recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources; now
- THEREFORE:** I, ELDRIN BELL, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month in Clayton County, Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July in the year two thousand twelve.

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Eldrin Bell, Chairman